

“FAITH” - THE ESSENCE OF THE LAW

The Changing of the Old to New Covenant

It was said by Jesus that:

(Matthew 5:18) "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished."

In fulfilling the Law, Jesus died on the cross, and thus his final work accomplished all that was required by God for the atonement of mankind. All that would believe in his message and follow it, that is.... This too though meant that a new covenant was instituted:

(Luk 22:20) LikewiseG5615 alsoG2532 theG3588 cupG4221 after supper,G1172 saying,G3004 ThisG5124 cup isG4221 theG3588 newG2537 testamentG1242 inG1722 myG3450 blood,G129 which is shedG1632 forG5228 you.G5216

"new" - G2537 καινός kainos kahee-nos' Of uncertain affinity; new (especially in freshness; while G3501 is properly so with respect to age): - new.

It also means that the old covenant was no more.

(Hebrews 8:13) in the saying `new,' He hath made the first old, and what doth become obsolete and is old is nigh disappearing.

"old" - 1095 γηράσκω [gerasko /ghay-ras-ko/] v. 1 to grow old. 2 of things and institutions: to fail from age, be obsolescent.

Which in addition means that the some letters of the law, primarily the stroke **[Mt 5:18]** of the ordinances of the Law passed also passed away as well:

(Colossians 2:13-14) And you, being dead in the deviations and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all the deviations, blotting out the handwriting(5498) in the ordinances(1378) against us, which was contrary to us, even He has taken it out of the midst, nailing it to the cross;

"handwriting " - 5498 χειρόγραφον [cheirographon /khi-rog-raf-on/] n n.1 a handwriting, what one has written by his own hand.

"ordinances" - 1378 δόγμα [dogma /dog-mah/] n n. the rules and requirements of the law of Moses; carrying a suggestion of severity and of threatened judgment.

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Many of the precepts of the Law remain the same, and they must.

Here's an example of how although the old covenant ordinance is not in our new covenant faith, the precept of that old covenant law surely remains:

(Lev 20:13) If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

Although Jesus didn't speak about homosexuality in particular. Has Jehovah changed? Of course not, Yahweh has not changed his position on homosexuality. Homosexuality is still in an abomination to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. What has changed though is that we, as Christians, are not to carry out the ordinances that are against such abominators. Meaning that, as Christians, we are not to carry out "the rules and requirements of the law of Moses which carried a suggestion of severity and of threatened judgment". We do not put them to death. No, instead, under the dispensation of the "new" covenant, God will dispense His judgment on all in the end.

(Heb 9:27) And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

Another example of old covenant precepts of the Law that are clearly still applicable to new covenant living:

(Leviticus 5:1..6) "If a person sins because he does not speak up when he hears a public charge to testify regarding something he has seen or learned about, he will be held responsible .. When anyone is guilty in any of these ways, he must confess in what way he has sinned and, as a penalty for the sin he has committed, he must bring to the LORD a female lamb or goat from the flock as a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin."

That was Law under the old covenant. Is it all of a sudden no longer a sin before the sight of Jehovah under the new covenant if a person conceals the truth and withholds evidence or only gives testimony in part? Testimony that can save an innocent man???? Of course such is still sin!

(James 4:17) If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

What has happened though is that the ordinance of the law as given through Moses to Israel, which commanded that "he must bring to the LORD a female lamb or goat from the flock as a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin." - that has been done away with. The sin though is still, a sin. It is not all of a sudden approved of under the new covenant. God will inflict His judgment on the sinner in the last day.

So in essence, although we are not under the Law in its entirety, it has not been completely done away with. What has happened though is that some of the smallest letters and strokes have passed away from the Law [Mt 5:18] because of the sacrifice Jesus made for mankind while here, and in turn that has taken away the punishment within this lifetime.

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